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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: AMBASSADOR MCHENRY'S SPEECH AT UNGA

1. DURING THE MEETING UK AMBASSADOR SCOTT AND I HAD WITH
FOURIE TODAY, MAY 3 (SEPTEL), THE LATTER EXPRESSED CONCERN
ABOUT AMBASSADOR MCHENRY'S SPEECH TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
YESTERDAY. FOURIE HAD A COPY OF THE SPEECH IN HAND AND
SAID IT HAD CAUSED CONCERN BECAUSE MCHENRY HAD NOT BEEN AS
FIRM ON THE WESTERN COMMITMENT TO THE PROPOSAL AS THE
OTHER REPRESENTATIVES HAD BEEN. HE THEN READ SEVERAL
EXCERPTS FROM THE SPEECH. I SAID THAT NONE OF THE EXCERPTS
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SEEMED TO SUPPORT THE THOUGHT THAT MCHENRY WAS EXPRESSING
A LESSER COMMITMENT. I SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS FOURIE
VIEWED THE SPPECH FROM A POINT OF VIEW WHICH LED HIM
TO READ SOMETHING INTO IT WHICH WAS NOT THERE. FOURIE
DEMURRED BUT THEN WENT ON TO HIS NEXT POINT.

2. HE READ THE PORTION OF THE SPEECH DEALING WITH THE

VIOLENCE ON THE BORDER AND THE DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGE OR TRIAL OF THE SWAPO "TOP" LEADERSHIP IN NAMIBIA. HE SAID THAT THAT PORTION OF THE SPEECH HAD ALSO CAUSED ADVERSE REACTION BECAUSE THE "TOP LEADERS" HAD LEFT THE COUNTRY AND BECAUSE SOUTH AFRICA HAD BEEN EXPLICITELY SINGLED OUT FOR DENUNCIATION. I ANSWERED THAT DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGE OR TRIAL IS ANATHEMA TO US AND MANY OTHERS; THE DETENTIONS COMING AS THEY DID AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME HAD CAUSED AN EXPECIALLY STRONG REACTION. FOURIE TALKED OF THE DIFFICULT SECURITY SITUATION IN NAMIBIA AND ASKED RHETORICALLY WHETHER IT WOULD IMPROVE THE SITUATION ANY IF THE AUTHORITIES BEGAN TO CHARGE, TRY, AND CONVICT THOSE WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED. SCOTT STEPPED IN TO SUPPORT WHAT I HAD SAID AND REMINDED FOURIE WE HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAW IN NAMIBIA WOULD BE EVEN-HANDED AND NOT DIRECTED AT ANY PARTICULAR PARTY AS IT SEEMED TO BE IN THIS CASE. THE EXCHANGE WAS INCONCLUSIVE.

3. AT THE END OF THE DISCUSSION, FOURIE MADE A POINT OF SAYING HE HAD NOT RAISED THESE QUESTIONS ON HIS OWN BUT HAD BEEN DIRECTED TO DO SO.

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